**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

Public Services – Sri.D.J.Sudhakar Raju, the then Spl.Deputy Collector, Paderu & Returning Officer, 28-Araku assembly Constituency and now retired – Placed under suspension on the allegations of certain lapses and discrepancies during the election process in the Elections, 2019 - Disciplinary proceedings initiated – Further action dropped – Regularisation of the period of suspension period as on duty - Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 360 Dated: 25-06-2021.

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt No. 577, Revenue (Vig.I) Department , dated: 14.05.2019.
2. G.O.Rt.No.945, Rev.(Vig .I) Dept., dt: 13.09.2019.
3. G.O.Rt.No.946, Rev (Vig.I) Dept., dt:13.09. 2019.
4. From Sri D.J.Sudharkar Raju, the then Special Deputy Collector, Paderu, Visakhapatnam, Written Statement of Defence, dt: 26.09.2019.
5. G.O.Rt.No.182, Revenue (Vigilance.I) Dept., dt:31.01.2020.
6. From the Joint Collector-I, Visakhapatnam, Enquiry Report in Rc.No.260/2019/A1, dated: 9.11.2020.
7. G.O.Rt.No.244, Revenue (Vig.I) Dept., Dated:05-05-2021.
8. From the District Collector, East Godavari District, Kakinada, e-file A5/364358, dt:11.6.2021

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O R D E R:

In the G.O. 1st read above, Sri.D.J.Sudhakar Raju, the then Special Deputy Collector, Paderu & Returning Officer, 28-Araku Assembly Constituency and now retired was placed under suspension on the allegations of certain lapses and discrepancies committed by him while functioning as Returning Officer, 28 - Araku Assembly Constituency during the Elections, 2019.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against Sri D.J.Sudhakar Raju, the then Special Deputy Collector, Paderu & Returning Officer, 28-Araku Assembly Constituency and now retired, on the said allegations. In the G.O. 3rd read above, he was reinstated into service, without prejudice to the disciplinary proceedings pending against him.

3. In reply to the charges framed against Sri.D.J.Sudhakar Raju, the then Special Deputy Collector, Paderu & Returning Officer, 28-Araku Assembly Constituency and now retired, has submitted his Written Statement of Defence vide his explanation 4th read above and after examining the same, vide G.O. 5th read above, the Joint Collector-I, Visakhapatnam was appointed as Inquiring Authority for conducting enquiry into the charges framed against Sri D.J. Sudhakar Raju, Special Deputy Collector (Retd.). The Joint Collector-I, Visakhapatnam, after conducting enquiry, has submitted his enquiry report holding that the charges framed against Sri D.J. Sudhakar Raju, Special Deputy Collector (Retd.) are not proved. After examining the said enquiry report and the representation submitted thereon by Sri D.J. Sudhakar Raju, Special Deputy Collector (Retd.), further action has been dropped against him vide G.O. 7th read above.

4. In the letter 8th read above, the District Collector, East Godavari, while stating that Sri D.J.Sudharkar Raju, Special Deputy Collector (retired), was placed under suspension from service w.e.f. 20.05.2019 to 12.09.2019 (115 days), in this case and that the Government have dropped further action against him and exonerated him from the charges, has requested that the said period of suspension may be treated as on Duty in terms of F.R 54(B).

5. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to regularize the period of suspension from 20.05.2019 to 12.09.2019 (115 days) of Sri D.J. Sudhakar Raju, Special Deputy Collector (Retd.), as ON DUTY in terms of FR-54(B), as further action in the disciplinary proceedings initiated against him in this matter has been dropped.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby regularize the period of suspension from 20.05.2019 to 12.09.2019 (115 days) of Sri D.J. Sudhakar Raju, Special Deputy Collector (Retd.) as ON DUTY, in terms of FR-54(B) (3) & (4).

7. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada and the District Collector, East Godavari District, Kakinada shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**V.USHARANI**
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The District Collector, East Godavari, Kakinada.
The Individual (through Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada with a request to serve the order and furnish the dated acknowledgment to Government for record).

Copy to:-
The District Collector, Visakhapatnam.
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**//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//**

**SECTION OFFICER**